CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional application of application Serial. No. 09/265,222, filed March 5, 1999, which claims priority under 35 USC § 119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/077,618, filed March 10, 1998, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

In the claims

Please cancel claims 1-22 and 24-28 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 23 as follows:

23. (Once Amended) A polynucleotide encoding an apo-B100 protein comprising a proteoglycan^{-}receptor^{+} mutation in Site B.

REMARKS

Following entry of this preliminary amendment, claim 23 will be pending in the present application. Claim 23 has been rewritten to eliminate reference to cancelled dependent claims 15-18, and to recite "an apo-B100 protein comprising a proteoglycan^{-}receptor^{+} mutation in Site B" (rather than "an apo-B100 protein according to claim 14"). Support for the amendment is found in original claims 14 and 23. No new matter has been added.

Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to the claims and the specification by the current amendment with additions underlined and deletions bracketed. The attached page is captioned "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**".

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In the specification

On page 1, under the title, a new paragraph has been added.

In the claims

23. (Once Amended) A polynucleotide encoding an apo-B100 protein [according to any one of claims 14 to 18] comprising a proteoglycan^{-}receptor^{+} mutation in Site B.